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FOR THE RECORD, THE
 FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY
 OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE
 HELD AT PESHAWAR ON
 OCTOBER 7, 1985.

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AT OCTOBER 7 PRESS CONFERENCE PRIMARILY
 DEVOTED TO REYKJAVIK SUMMIT, THE SECRETARY, IN RESPONSE

TO A QUESTION ON REGIONAL ISSUES, SAID THE FOLLOWING
 ABOUT AFGHANISTAN AND THE PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF SIX
 SOVIET REGIMENTS:

5. BEGIN QUOTE: IT IS SAID THAT THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY
 OF SOME MOVEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN -- AND I HOPE THAT'S
 TRUE. WE UNDERSTAND AND WE SEE A LOT OF PREPARATIONS FOR
 WHAT LOOKS LIKE A KIND OF PUBLICIZED EVENT OF THE
 WITHDRAWAL OF SOME SOVIET FORCES FROM AFGHANISTAN, MAYBE
 EVEN TIMED FOR THE REYKJAVIK SUMMIT -- I DON'T KNOW. BUT

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THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE A SITUATION WHERE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A VERY, VERY SMALL PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL FORCES, AND THERE IS A LITTLE PUZZLEMENT ABOUT IT, BUT IT ALMOST LOOKS AS THOUGH NEW FORCES ARE COMING IN AS SOME ARE BEING WITHDRAWN, SO IT'S KIND OF A PUZZLING SITUATION. END QUOTE.

6. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ

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